

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1077

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Evelyn Palmer Guill of White House.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Evelyn Palmer Guill, a dedicated public servant and historian who dearly loved her family, her friends and neighbors, and her hometown of White House; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Guill's passion for White House and its citizens inspired her to write her first book, *White House History & Reflections*, in 1984; thereafter, she dedicated much of her life to documenting and preserving the history of her beloved hometown; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Guill was instrumental in founding the White House Inn Library and Museum; a member of its building committee from 1985-1987, she subsequently served on the library board for twelve years and was the curator of the museum from 1987 until just recently; and

WHEREAS, officially appointed City Historian and Curator of the White House Inn Museum in 2006, she was presented with the White House Museum Appreciation Award in 2007, the Distinguished Service Award in 2009, and the White House Inn Library Board Appreciation of Service award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Guill played an essential role in convincing the State of Tennessee to erect a Civil War marker near Tyree Springs in White House and a three-star marker at the location of White House's namesake, the White House Stage Coach Inn; and

WHEREAS, she was honored for her excellence in community service by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in another arena of public service, Mrs. Guill served on the committee that established White House Elderly Housing in 1979; the Chamber of Commerce recognized her many good works and solid citizenship by naming her Citizen of the Year in 1990 and granting her Honorary Lifetime Membership in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Guill was deeply devoted to both her family and her church family, and her abiding faith in God sustained her; and

WHEREAS, she was proud to worship alongside her fellow Christians at Temple Baptist Church in White House; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Palmer Guill was preceded in death by her husband of forty-five years, Donald Guill; her parents, Virgil and Zora Palmer; and her brothers, Lewis Palmer, Earl Palmer, and Charles Palmer; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her loving and devoted son, Danny R. Guill, and his wife, Grace; granddaughter, Sara Guill Rickman, and her husband, Jeffrey; grandson, Daniel J. Guill; and three great-grandchildren, Susanna, Jesse, and Clementine Rickman; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Palmer Guill leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Evelyn Palmer Guill, reflecting fondly upon her zeal for White House and its history and people and her lifetime of service to her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Guill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.